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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 84
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jason D. Robinson on his receipt of the State Farm Teacher of the Year Award for excellence and innovation in the classroom.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jason D. Robinson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a teacher at Taylor Elementary School in Cleveland, Mr. Robinson recently was honored with the prestigious State Farm Teacher of the Year Award for excellence and innovation in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jason was one of only ten teachers from throughout the country to receive the award, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher in that it recognizes the positive influence he has had on the lives of young people; and

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WHEREAS, Jason Robinson received his bachelor's degree from Lee University in 1996, where he was honored with the Jimmy W. Bilbo award for excellence in student teaching; he also has a master's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson has been recognized in several national publications, including *National Geographic*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Parenting*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *Family Fun*, *Atlantic Monthly*, and *American Enterprise*; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2001 Jason will travel to the Reading Renaissance National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he will speak as one of only eight Model Classroom teachers selected nationwide; and

WHEREAS, he is Key Leader of the "Building a Presence for Science" program, and is Director of the "Sounds of Silence" program, for which he taught elementary level students basic sign language in order that they might perform, accompanying a variety of songs with the movements of sign language, throughout Tennessee as well as in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Jason Robinson also finds time to contribute his seemingly endless energy to the Tennessee Department of Education National Teacher's Exam Review Committee and the Bradley County Schools' Science Curriculum Mapping Committee; he is also a Science Camp Director, Sign Language Camp Director, Science Club Coordinator, and a Science Presenter for Channel 12's *Morning Show*, to name just a few of his many activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jason Robinson is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Faith, who teaches second grade at Hopewell Elementary School in Bradley County, and his two children, Noah and Madelynn; and

WHEREAS, as stated by author Helen Caldicott, "Teachers. . . are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth"; and

WHEREAS, Jason Robinson epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to fulfilling his role as one of "the most responsible and important members of society," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Jason Donald Robinson on his receipt of the State Farm Teacher of the Year Award for excellence and innovation in the classroom, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.